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LB 755, 806

would bear interest at the rate of 2 percent above...per year above the rate set by the district, but not to exceed the 14 percent. By floating the rate as proposed by this legislation, the rate set would be consistent with prevailing market condition at the time the special assessments are set and would continue to be consistent regardless of whether or not the market rates increased or decreased. That's simply the purpose of the bill. Would ask for the advancement.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on advancement of the bill? Senator Hartnett? Waives closing. Question before the body is the advancement of LB 806 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 806.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: (LB) 806 advances. LB 855 (sic--LB 755).

CLERK: (LB) 855 (sic--755) by Senator Landis. (Read title.) Introduced January 20, referred to Natural Resources, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Landis, to open.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. This is a bill concerning energy conservation in state buildings. But I got to tell you I'm thrilled any time I'm carrying a bill that provokes a letter of support from the Union of Concerned Scientists. That's great. This bill is actually a putting into statute of an executive order that's been on our books, if you will, our executive order books, for about the last two years, and that is a simple declaration that we'll find essentially in the committee amendments. Any new state building shall meet or exceed the requirements of the International Energy Conservation Code. That's the generalized goal. Then we go on to say, well, we can use an updated version of that code, if that's the case. We can be stingier. We can have even tighter standards. Or we can waive standards that we don't think are cost effective for our buildings. It applies to all new buildings constructed in whole or in part with state funds after January 1, 2000. The State Energy Office will do